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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL PLANS

1. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PASS ON SOME IDEAS BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL ABOUT HOW BEST FOR YOU TO MEET THE AMERICAN, PAKISTANI AND THIRD COUNTRY COMMUNITIES IN ISLAMABAD. IF WE CAN WORK OUT SOME OF THESE DETAILS IN ADVANCE, IT WOULD HELP YOU TO MAKE THE MOST ECONOMICAL USE OF YOUR TIME WHEN YOU ARRIVE AND SMOOTH YOUR INTRODUCTION TO PAKISTAN.

2. AMERICAN COMMUNITY: I THINK YOU SHOULD PLAN TO MEET THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU GET HERE. ONE WAY TO DO THIS WOULD BE TO HOLD A COFFEE AT THE EMBASSY CLUB FOR ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUSINESSMEN AND OTHER PRIVATE US CITIZENS IN ISLAMABAD. WHILE THIS WOULD BE A RATHER LARGE GATHERING, IT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO MEET EVERYONE AT THE START AND WOULD SHOW ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOU WANTED TO MEET THEM AS SOON AS YOU COULD.

3. AMBASSADORIAL CALLS: THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS ASSURED US THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS WITHIN
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A FEW DAYS AFTER YOU ARRIVE. (WE ARE PREPARING A SEPARATE MEMO ABOUT THIS AND OTHER OFFICIAL CALLS ON THE GOP.) ONCE THIS IS OUT OF THE WAY, YOU CAN BEGIN THE ONEROUS CHORE OF CALLING ON YOUR RESIDENT AMBASSADORIAL COLLEAGUES, SOME FIFTY IN ALL. I SUGGEST YOU DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BY MAKING ABOUT TWO CALLS A DAY YOU CAN DISPOSE OF THE LOT IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS. ALTHOUGH WE'LL GENERALLY STICK

TO THE PROTOCOL LIST, MAJOR ALLIED AND FRIENDLY NATIONS
CAN BE SCHEDULED AHEAD OF THEIR SENIORITY POSITION.

4. MISSION INTRODUCTIONS: I RECOMMEND THAT SOON AFTER
YOUR ARRIVAL YOU VISIT THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY
AND MEET KEY OFFICERS AND THEIR STAFF. THIS NEED NOT
TAKE MORE THAN A MORNING OR SO, DEPENDING ON HOW LONG YOU
WISH TO SPEND IN EACH SECTION. IT WOULD ALSO BE
APPRECIATED BY THE TOP LOCAL EMPLOYEES IF WE SET ASIDE
SOME TIME FOR YOU TO MEET THEM. SIMILAR TOURS COULD BE
ARRANGED AT USAID. THE FORD AND ASIA FOUNDATIONS AND THE
U.S. EDUCATION FOUNDATION HAVE REPRESENTATIVES HERE
WHOM I RECOMMEND YOU MEET. I THINK THE BEST WAY TO
ARRANGE THIS WOULD EITHER BE APPOINTMENTS IN THE EMBASSY
OR YOUR VISITING THEIR OFFICES.

5. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: IN ADDITION TO THE PROPOSED COFFEE
AT THE EMBASSY CLUB FOR AMERICANS, WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING
WAYS TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY IN ISLAMABAD.
IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT STRAINS IN US/PAK RELATIONS, I
BELIEVE A BIG RECEPTION WOULD NOT BE VERY USEFUL. ALSO,
I MUST ADMIT A PERSONAL PREDILECTION AGAINST LARGE
RECEPTIONS TO MEET PAKISTANIS SINCE YOU HAVE LITTLE, IF
ANY, OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND PROFESSIONALLY USEFUL
TALKS. AS A SOCIALLY MORE PLEASANT AND PROFESSIONALLY
MORE REWARDING ALTERNATIVE, I SUGGEST THAT I AND OTHER
KEY MISSION STAFF ARRANGE A NUMBER OF DINNER PARTIES FOR
YOU. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY MAKE FOR A MORE CONGENIAL AND
FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE, BUT ALSO ENABLE YOU TO ESTABLISH A
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NUCTER OF USEFUL CONTACTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. CONSTITUENT POSTS: I WOULD RECOMMEND WE LEAVE THE
MATTER OF VISITING THE CONSTITUENT POSTS OPEN UNTIL YOU
ARRIVE. WHILE ORDINARILY IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DO SO
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION MAY
INTERFERE. KARACHI IS STILL UNDER A PARTIAL CURFEW AND
THE SITUATION BOTH THERE AND IN LAHORE COULD ERUPT IN
VIOLENCE AGAIN AT ANY TIME. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR PESHAWAR,
BUT TO A LESSER DEGREE. ALSO, THE CURRENT STATE OF
US/PAK RELATIONS WOULD NATURALLY RESTRICT THE NUMBER AND
KINDS OF CONTACTS YOU COULD HAVE WITH PAKISTANIS. I HAVE
ASKED THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AT EACH POST FOR THEIR
SUGGESTIONS, WHICH WE CAN DISCUSS WHEN YOU GET HERE.

7. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANSETHOUGHTS OR
SUGGESTIONS O THESE ISSUES AND WE CAN BEGIN MAKING THE
NECESSARY PREPARATIONS ON THE SOCIAL/PROTOCOL SIDE FOR
YOUR ARRIVAL. WITH BEST REGARDS.

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